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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

CIA Data Cited Against Castro

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With the Pan American foreign ministers meeting in Chile to pacify the turbulent Caribbean, this column has obtained a copy of a Central Intelligence Agency report showing Fidel Castro's links with communism.



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The document lists some of Castro's top advisers as Communists and cites nine trips by these advisers to Moscow since the revolution on Jan. 1. Their aim, according to the CIA report, is to make the situation in Cuba so chaotic that the United States will be forced to intervene. Then the United States would be charged with an "American Hungary."

It is such intervention that the United States is trying to avoid by getting the advice and support of other Pan American governments at the Foreign Ministers Conference. Salient portions of the revealing CIA report follow:

"It has become increasingly apparent in the past several months that Fidel Castro, if not a Communist himself, is certainly dominated by them. For a few weeks, during and immediately after his trip to the United States, there was hope that at last he would settle down, pay more attention to his more conservative advisers and stop flirting with the left wing.

"This hope was expressed by Felipe Pazos, president of the National Bank of Cuba, by Regino Boti, Minister of Economics, by several of the ministers and people of importance who accompanied Fidel Castro to the United States. They felt this mainly because they had been chosen to make the trip, rather than the other people. Before the trip, these people, although they occupy high positions in the government, had barely even spoken with Castro.

"Then, with this trip, he suddenly became attentive to them and with their help was coached through his visit to the United States.

"On arrival back in Cuba, these men gave out that they

were happy, that Castro had listened to their advice, that now he would shun the Communists and listen to them.

"Instead, Castro proved conclusively that he is operating according to a well conceived, well directed plan of operation. On return to Cuba, he ignored the men who coached him through his visit to the United States. From the time of his return to date, he has refused repeatedly and even after written demands he has denied an audience to Felipe Pazos, the president of The National Banks. He had simply used these men as fronts while in the United States.

Who Wrote Bill?

"At the same time, he had some of his more conservative ministers drawing up a bill for agrarian reform. Particularly devoted to this was Sori Marin, Minister of Agriculture. Sori Marin completed his bill, showed it to all the members of the cabinet and went to the Sierra Maestra with Castro and all the other members to proclaim the agrarian reform bill, which he thought would be his, the one he wrote.

"Once on top of the mountain, Castro took out his own agrarian reform bill, one which no member of the cabinet had seen before then, and required them all to sign it. This is the agrarian reform bill which has now gone into force. It was written primarily by Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, Vilma Espin, wife of Raul Castro, Raul Castro, Antonio Nunez Jimenez, and Pino Santos.

"Of Ernesto Guevara, a U. S. intelligence agency states, 'If he is not a Communist, he will do for one until another comes along.' Vilma Espin is the sister of a noted French Communist and apparently a Communist herself; Antonio Nunez Jimenez, who has been named to head the Agrarian Reform Institute, has had his way guided by the Communist Party of Cuba to a youth festival in Prague in 1954. Pino Santos, the financial reporter for 'Revolucion,' the 26 de Julio newspaper, is really Carlos Santo Vega, a regular member of the Communist Party.

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